# **Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting**

Director's Conference Room 3839 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 209, Phoenix, AZ 85012 July 21st 2015 – 2:00 p.m.

## **Committee Members Present**

Randy Meyer (Chairman)
Stanley Zeitz (Vice Chairman)
Anthony Irby
John Aldecoa
Larry Struck
Thomas Troxell
Carol Culbertson

## **Committee Members Absent**

Robert Barnes, ADVS Deputy Director/Designee George Cushing Kathy Pearce Martin Badegian Paul Clark

## MFRF Committee Staff

Michelle Sullivan, ADVS/MFRF

Assistant Arizona Attorney General - Invited

### **CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Randy Meyer called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Stanley Zeitz moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on June 16th 2015. Thomas Troxell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Chairman Randy Meyer read the Advisory Committee's Disclosure Policy. Advisory Committee members must disclose their knowledge of an applicant to the Advisory Committee during the consideration process. Knowledge of an applicant that benefits all members of the Advisory Committee during the consideration process does not create a conflict of interest. If an Advisory Committee member has knowledge of an applicant and has a vested interest in the outcome of the Committee's findings or seeks to benefit or gain from a vote on a particular application, he/she is required to recuse his or herself from consideration of that applicant as it creates a conflict of interest.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Randy Meyer moved the meeting to executive session at 2:06 p.m. to discuss MFRF applications that are, according to ARS 41-608.04.E., confidential. Executive Session is allowable under ARS 41-608.04.E.

# **APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chairman Randy Meyer returned the meeting to public session at 2:39 p.m. to vote on applications.

1. 2015-06 F Anthony Irby moved to recommend application be approved for the remainder of up to \$10,000 for participation in the Transition in Place program that provides up to six month housing

- assistance and supportive services. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously
- 2. 2015-06 G John Aldecoa moved to recommend application be approved for three months' rent, auto insurance, internet, auto, phone, and food/gas with contingent upon receipts. The approval is contingent upon verifying applicant is in HUDVASH or not. Thomas Troxell seconded the motion, and the motion carried by majority vote, Anthony Irby voted nay.
- **3. 2015-06 E** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for three months of rent, auto payment, auto insurance, phone and utilities-gas and electric. John Aldecoa seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
- **4. 2015-06 D** John Aldecoa moved to recommend application be approved for remainder of up to \$10,000 for participation in the Transition in Place program that provides up to six month housing assistance and supportive services. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Anthony Irby recommends applicant attains a HOMS assessment through the Veterans Administration Healthcare for the Homeless.
- **5. 2014-09 A 06-09-2015** John Aldecoa moved to recommend application be approved for remainder of up to \$10,000 for participation in the Transition in Place program that provides up to six month housing assistance and supportive services. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
- **6. 2015-06 I** Anthony Irby moved to recommend application be approved three months' rent only. The Committee recommends the applicant apply for social security and Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) to supplement income, and possibly reducing one vehicle to help alleviate expenses. Thomas Troxell seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
- 7. 2015-06 G-A Anthony Irby moved to recommend application be approved three months' mortgage, auto, auto insurance, electric, water, and dental. The Committee recommends the applicant seeking financial counseling, meet with a DES DVOP/LVR for employment assistance and adjust living expense. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
- **8. 2015-07 B** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved two months' rent, utility, phone, and food contingent upon receipts for the food only. The Committee recommends the applicant submit a claim for disability through a Arizona Department of Veteran Services Veterans Benefit Counselor. Thomas Troxell seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
- 9. 2015-06 H Thomas Troxell moved to recommend application be approved one months' rent, electric, utilities, auto, and motorcycle payment only. The Committee recommends the applicant apply modify child support through the court system. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
- **10. 2015-07 C** Larry Struck moved to recommend application be approved for remainder of up to \$10,000 for participation in the Transition in Place program that provides up to six month housing assistance and supportive services. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
- **11. 2015-07 E** Stanley Carol moved to recommend application be approved two months' rent, electric, water, auto insurance, auto, and internet only. The Committee recommends the applicant apply for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and social security to supplement income. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
- **12. 2015-04 B 07-15-2015** Thomas Troxell moved to recommend application be approved three months' rent, electric, gas, auto, and phone. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

- **13. 2015-03 F 07-15-2015** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for one-time assistance requested and one additional month of rent, electric, gas, internet water, and one month auto payment only. The Committee recommends the applicant apply for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and possibility apply for disability upgrade. John Aldecoa seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
- **14. 2014-08 C 07-17-2015** Carol Culbertson moved to recommend application be denied for the requested assistance of two months' rent, phone, cloths, auto, and food due to no contractual legit lease, no auto bill, information incomplete, no bank statements, no improvement from previous application. The Committee recommends the applicant apply for food stamps as well as add defendants on to VA disability. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

### MARKETING REPORTS

#### **CALL TO PUBLIC**

Chairman Randy Meyer presented George Cushing with a plaque of appreciation from the Arizona Department of Veteran Services for serving on the Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee since October, 2007.

#### ADJOURNMENT and NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

George Cushing moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously meeting adjourned at 3:46 pm.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.